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FOR: IAA, IOR/M, IBS & IPS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SOPN, MA  
SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE IN MADAGASCAR

MADAGASCAR RADIO BROADCAST ON TODAY'S LUNCHTIME NEWS THAT SOMALIA'S PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE ARRIVED AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OF ANTANANARIVO SHORTLY BEFORE NOON TODAY (DECEMBER 23). HE WAS MET BY MADAGASCAR'S HEAD OF STATE, DIDIER RATSIRAKA. IN AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT BARRE SAID THAT HE HAD COME AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT HIM IN THE EFFORTS HE HAS EXERTED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT. HE ALSO SAID: "I HOPE THAT PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, WHO WE SUPPORT IN HIS PEACE EFFORTS, ATTAINS THE SUCCESS HE DESERVES, EVEN THOUGH HIS UNDERTAKING IS DIFFICULT. I ALSO HOPE THAT THE OTHER PARTY (ETHIOPIA) WILL ALSO AGREE TO COME TO ANTANANARIVO". THE SOMALI LEADER ALSO CONDEMNED THE INTERFERENCE OF FOREIGN POWERS IN THE PROBLEM IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, WHICH, HE SAID, MAKES THE SITUATION VERY COMPLEX. BARRE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF POSTS AND MARITIME TRANSPORT. HE IS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE MADAGASCAR TODAY AND BE BACK IN MOGADISCIO BY THIS EVENING, ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCE. MCCOO, ACTING

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